### Proverbs

## Chapter 11

1Dishonest scales are disgusting to [God]…  
 Fair weights are what He approves.  
  
2Those who shout insults show their dishonor,  
 While the mouths of the humble speak wisely.  
  
3The righteous leave no regrets when they die;  
 But, the irreverent are ridiculed when they’re gone.  
  
4The perfection of the righteous will guide them,  
 While the Godless are plundered by failure…  
 In the day of [God’s] rage, their possessions will fail,  
 As the righteous are rescued from death.  
  
5Holiness keeps the righteous on their straight paths;  
 But by their godless ways, the unrighteous fail.  
  
6The right ways of the good is what saves them;  
 But the thoughtless ways of lawbreakers  
 Is the thing that leads them to jail.  
  
7When a righteous man comes to his end,  
 The things that he’s hoped for are never destroyed.  
 But the boastful ways of the godless  
 Will soon bring about their destruction.  
  
8When the righteous are saved from a trap,  
 The irreverent thereafter fall in it.  
  
9The mouths of the irreverent are snares to their friends;  
 But the mouths of the righteous bring blessings.  
  
10By the good of the righteous, a city is born,  
 And the destruction of the irreverent brings it joy.  
  
11By the praises of the upright, a city is raised;  
 But the mouths of the impious tear it back down.  
  
12A senseless man sneers at his comrades;  
 But, an intelligent man leads them to rest.  
  
13A double-tongued man reveals other’s plans,  
 While the trustworthy keep matters hidden.  
  
14Those with no guidance will fall like the leaves;  
 But, salvation is found [by seeking] advice.  
  
15The wicked act badly among righteous men,  
 And the sounds of their safety, they hate.  
  
16A praiseworthy woman brings glory to her man,  
 But those hating what’s right, bring dishonor.  
  
The lazy will never be wealthy,  
 While those who work hard will be rich.  
  
17A merciful man brings good to his soul,  
 While the merciless bring themselves ruin.  
  
18The impious receive what’s wrong as their wage,  
 While the offspring of the righteous is their reward.  
  
19A righteous son will gain life,  
 While an irreverent son will bring his own death.  
  
20Twisted ways are disgusting to [God]…  
 He just approves of those who walk in straight paths.  
  
21Those who lay hands on another for bad reasons  
 Won’t go unpunished for their evil ways.  
 But, those who are fair are assured a reward.  
  
22As a gold ring in the snout of a pig  
 Is a pretty woman with evil desires.  
  
23The righteous will receive what’s good,  
 While the hopes of the godless will perish.  
  
24There are those who’ll plant seeds and reap more…  
 But, there are some that will also reap less.  
  
25A generous man will be blest…  
 For, those who water will be watered.  
  
26A man who hoards grain will leave it to [others],  
 While the heads of those who share it are blest.  
  
27Those planning to do good, seek its blessings;  
 But, those who plan to do evil,  
 Will be captured by those who do what’s good.  
  
28Those who trust in their wealth won’t succeed;  
 But, those who help the righteous will last.  
  
29The man who doesn’t love those in his own home  
 Will just inherit the wind…  
 To the intelligent, he’ll be just a fool and a slave.  
  
30From the tree of life, the righteous [gather] fruit,  
 While the souls of the lawless are lost.  
  
31If the righteous will be saved [by the skin of their teeth];  
 What hope is there for the impious and sinners?